

**IDAPA 08 - STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

08.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY

DOCKET NO. 08-0202-0805

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING - PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections 33-105 and 33-107, Idaho Code, and Sections 33-1201 and 33-1258, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 21, 2008 - 1:00 pm

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Lewis & Clark Conference Room
Len B. Jordan Building, 2nd Floor
650 West State Street, Boise, ID**

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

Changes to the requirements for a school counselor endorsement increase the percentage of time for the required field experience to be in the K-12 setting, and that the field experience is in all grade levels (elementary, middle/junior high and high school). The proposed change to the school psychologist endorsement increases the minimum number of hours for the required internship from 300 hours to 1,200 hours. The increase in hours more closely aligns Idaho's standards to most other states and reflects current research in the area of preparation for school psychologists. Most of Idaho's programs that prepare school psychologists already require more than the current minimum of three hundred hours.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Sections 67-5220, Idaho Code, informal negotiated rulemaking was conducted. This proposed rule change was brought before the Standards Committee of the Professional Standards Commission. It was presented and discussed, amended, and revisited. The final version was then proposed to the entire Professional Standards Commission for a vote.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Christina Linder (208) 332-6886.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 22, 2008.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2008.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 08-0202-0805

027. PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CERTIFICATE.

Persons who serve as school counselors, school psychologists, speech-language pathologists, school social workers, school nurses and school audiologists are required to hold the Pupil Personnel Services Certificate, with the respective endorsement(s) for which they qualify. (3-16-04)

01. Counselor Endorsement (K-12). To be eligible for a Pupil Personnel Services Certificate endorsed Counselor K-12, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements. The Pupil Personnel Services Certificate with a Counselor endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) semester credits ~~hours~~ are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. (3-16-04)(____)

a. Hold a master's degree and provide verification of completion of an approved program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or university approved by the Idaho State Board of Education or the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. The program must include successful completion of seven hundred (700) clock hours of supervised field experience, ~~one half~~ seventy-five percent (75%) of which must be in a K-12 school setting. Substantial amounts of this K-12 experience must be in each of the following levels: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Previous school counseling experience may be considered to help offset the field experience clock hour requirement. (3-16-04)(____)

b. An institutional recommendation is required for a ~~School~~ Counselor K-12 Endorsement. (3-16-04)(____)

02. School Psychologist Endorsement. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. To be eligible for initial endorsement, a candidate must complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester credit hours which must be accomplished through one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

a. Completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, master's degree in education or psychology and completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hour, School Psychology Specialist Degree program. (3-16-04)

b. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, or ninety (90) quarter credit hour, master's degree program in School Psychology. (3-16-04)

c. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, or ninety (90) quarter credit hour, School Psychology Specialist degree program which did not require a master's degree as a prerequisite, with laboratory experience in a classroom, which may include professional teaching experience, student teaching or special education practicum, and completion of a minimum ~~three~~ twelve hundred (~~31,200~~) clock-hour internship within a school district under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist. (3-16-04)(____)

03. School Nurse Endorsement. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement may be accomplished through

completion of the following requirements. (3-16-04)

a. The candidate must possess a valid nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and a bachelor's degree in nursing, education, or a health-related field from an accredited institution. (11-2-07)T

b. The candidate must possess a valid professional nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing and have completed nine (9) semester credit hours from a university or college in at least three (3) of the following areas: (11-2-07)T

i. Health program management; (11-2-07)T

ii. Child and adolescent health issues; (11-2-07)T

iii. Counseling, psychology, or social work; or (11-2-07)T

iv. Methods of instruction. (11-2-07)T

c. Additionally, each candidate must have two (2) years' full-time (or part-time equivalent) school nursing, community health nursing, or any area of pediatric, adolescent, or family nursing experience. (11-2-07)T

04. Provisional Endorsement - School Nurse. This certificate will be granted for those who do not meet the educational and/or experience requirements but who hold a valid professional nursing (RN) license in Idaho. An Interim Certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements, and it is not renewable. (11-2-07)T

05. Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement will be issued to candidates who possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a speech/language pathology program approved by the State Board of Education, and who receive an institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

06. Audiology Endorsement. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement will be issued to candidates who possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in an audiology program approved by the State Board of Education, and who receive an institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

07. School Social Worker Endorsement. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credit hours are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement may be accomplished through possession of a social work certificate issued by the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, an institutional recommendation, and completion of one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

a. A master's degree in social work from an Idaho college or university approved by the State Board of Education, or a master's degree in social work from an out-of-state college or university. The program must be currently approved by the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. (3-16-04)

b. A master's degree in guidance and counseling, sociology, or psychology plus thirty (30) semester credit hours of graduate work in social work education, including course work in all the following areas: understanding the individual; casework method; field placement; social welfare programs and community resources; and research methods. (3-16-04)